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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Georges Marcel Victor Thielen, et al.)
For: SILICA FILLED MULTI-)
VISCOELASTIC RESPONSE)
RUBBER)
Serial No.: 10/084,890)
Filed: February 27, 2002)

Docket No. DN2001057
Confirmation No. 8170
Art Unit: 1713
Examiner: Lee, Rip A.

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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED DOMESTIC CLAIM TO
BENEFIT OF EARLIER FILING DATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(A)(3)**

Dear Sir:

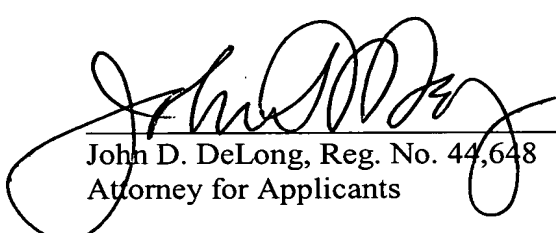
1. Applicants hereby petition that the present application be granted a claim to benefit of the filing date of co-pending Serial No. 09/264,937 filed March 9, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,469,104 issued October 22, 2002.
2. This petition is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in the present application.
3. Please amend the specification at page 1 line 6 to include the following paragraph:
This Application claims the benefit of co-pending Serial No. 09/264,937, now U.S. Patent No. 6,469,104, filed March 9, 1999, which claims the benefit of Serial Nos. 60/113,663, filed March 11, 1998; 60/079,789 filed March 28, 1998; 60/104,755 filed October 19, 1998; 60/109,530 filed November 23, 1998; 60/117,305 filed January 26, 1999; and 60/120,024 filed February 13, 1999.
4. A co-inventor of the present application, Howard Allen Colvin, is the same Howard Allen Colvin who is a co-inventor of Serial No. 09/264,937, now U.S. 6,469,104.

5. Applicants state that the entire delay between the date required for claim to benefit of the filing date of Serial No. 09/264,937, now U.S. 6,469,104 under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2) until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3) was unintentional.
6. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee of \$1,330.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(t) and any additional fees that may be required to our Deposit Account No. 07-1725.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: _____

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